

Law Student Opportunities

Criminal Law Division

Appeals, Writs and Trials Section

San Francisco



The Appeals, Writs and Trials Section of the Criminal Division of the California Attorney General's Office represents the People of the State of California at the appellate level and also prosecutes cases at the trial level in Superior Court. Law clerks mainly prepare Respondent's Briefs that are filed in the First and Sixth Districts of the California Court of Appeal. Certified law clerks may also have an opportunity to argue cases before the Court of Appeal. Law clerks will not assist with trial work. Each law clerk works with an assigned Deputy Attorney General who reviews all briefs, but the law clerk is responsible for his or her own caseload. Appeals generally involve issues of criminal law and procedure as well as constitutional and evidentiary issues. All law clerks will have the opportunity to attend court at the California Supreme Court, California Court of Appeal, Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, and the San Francisco Hall of Justice.

Due to the uncertainty caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, this program will operate remotely until it is safe to return to our physical offices as determined by local, county, and state public health officials.

DESIRABLE QUALIFICATIONS: Applicants must have excellent writing, research, and analytical skills. Ideal applicants will have completed law school classes in constitutional law, evidence, criminal law, criminal procedure, civil procedure, and research and writing. Appellate advocacy and trial advocacy may be helpful. Work experience in the field of criminal law is also beneficial.

How to Apply:

Second-year law students may submit applications as of the date of this posting.

First-year law students may submit applications starting December 1.

All interested applicants must submit a cover letter, writing sample, transcript (unofficial is acceptable), and resume to:

Amit Kurlekar, Sarah Farhat and Jalem Peguero
AWT Intern Program Coordinators
SFAWTIntern@doj.ca.gov
Electronic applications only

Acceptance of interns is rolling. However, we encourage interested candidates to apply as promptly as possible. We often fill our internship class quickly.